

# SAINT JOSEPH

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 20-21, 2025

3720 E Colbert Road  
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Fourth Sunday of Advent



Matthew 1, 18-24

### Weekly Mass Schedule

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 8:30 AM  
Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday 10:00 AM

### Every Wednesday

Reconciliation 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Adoration 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



### Extraordinary Ministers & Lectors

#### Saturday, December 27

Renee M., Valerie M. Lector: Terry C.

#### Sunday, December 28

Dey S., Lehsley W., Linda H., Natalie S.  
Lector: Rosalie N.

*"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples.  
Preach the gospel to all people."*

# Parish Calendar

## Sunday, December 21

Religious Ed Christmas Celebration 11:15 AM

OCIA Class 11:15 AM

## Tuesday, September 23

No Daily Mass

## Wednesday, December 24

No Daily Mass

Children's Christmas Liturgy 5:00 PM

Christmas Eve Mass 8:00 PM

## Thursday, December 25

Christmas Mass 10:00 AM

## Friday, December 26

Share the Word (explore the Sunday readings) 9:00 AM

## Saturday, December 27

Women's Health & Wellness 8:30 AM

## Sunday, December 28

OCIA Class 11:15 AM

## Tuesday, December 30

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

KOC Business meeting, 6:30 PM

## Wednesday, December 31

Daily Mass 8:30 AM

Mary, Mother of God Mass 6:00 PM

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 20 - St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, December 21 - Rich Saccomanno+

Saturday, December 27—St. Joseph Parishioners

## Parish Staff

Rev. Thomas K. Connolly, Pastor

Joe Schroeder, Deacon

Jeannie Saccomanno, Office Manager

Bill Ryan, Facilities Manager

Emily Busch, RE Coordinator

Sydney Wilson, Youth Minister

Mary Green, Admin. Assistant

## Parish Council

Kira Busch | Michael Grieshaber, Chair

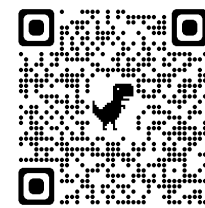
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## Faith in Action Ministry's next Book

Sale is January 17-18 and 24-25!

If you have books to donate, please bring them to church by January 12.

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Call Peggy with questions 509-994-6001.



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February 14-15, 2026

Hand carved olive wood articles available for purchase after both Masses. These items are made by Christian families currently living in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

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Youth Group  
helping with the  
Tree of Sharing

December 20-21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**First Reading** *Isaiah 7:10-14*

**Responsorial Psalm** *24:1-2,3-4,5-6*

**Second Reading** *Romans 1:1-7*

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 1:18-24*

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. In the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem.

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

*Sunday Connection, Loyola Press*

## FESTIVAL OF CAROLS



# 01.04.2026

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St. Lucy Feast Day

## Children's Choir

**The Children's Liturgy is on Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM.** We will have another practice Saturday, December 20 from 11:00-11:45. We also ask that the children arrive at church on **Christmas Eve by 4:00 p.m.** Contact Emily (RE Coordinator) for more information. 509-844-1732

## Adult Choir

St. Joseph's Parish choir is looking for new members! If you'd like to join, please send a text to one of the numbers listed.

- **Commitment:** One day a month—Saturday or Sunday.
- **Preparation:** We rehearse 1 hour before each Mass.
- **Resources:** Weekly song lists are sent by email, and if you're new to the music, you can easily listen and learn through YouTube.

With Advent here, and Christmas approaching, this is the perfect time to lift your voice and be part of something joyful. Come sing with us—you'll bless others and be blessed yourself!

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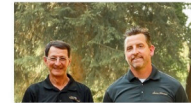
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